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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF

THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF

CHARITY SCHOOLS:

WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, AND A LIST OF  
OFFICERS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

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TO THE PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT  
OF CHARITY SCHOOLS

THE term for which the managers were elected being about to expire, they present to the society the Annual Report of their proceedings, and of the state of the schools.

Soon after their election, the managers met and organized the Board by the appointment of the usual officers and standing committees, who have respectively given attention to the duties committed to their charge. Weekly visits have been made to the schools by committees selected for the purpose, whose reports relative to the progress of the pupils in their studies, and of their orderly deportment, have generally been satisfactory, and evinced, on the part of their teachers, a degree of zeal and attention, not only to the literary instruction, but also to the orderly conduct and moral culture of the children under their care, which has met the cordial approbation of the Board.

The number of scholars on the list at the commencement of the year, was eighty-five boys, and one hundred and twenty-six girls; since which, thirty-three boys and fifty-four girls have been admitted, and forty-two boys and fifty-six girls have left school, leaving on the roll seventy-six boys and one hundred and twenty-four girls. The number of admissions since the establishment of the society, has been six thousand four hundred and forty-four male, and six thousand



one hundred and twenty-seven female pupils. Total, twelve-thousand five hundred and seventy-one.

With the exception of the assistant in the male department, who left in order to engage in other pursuits, the schools continue under the instruction of the same teachers that for several years have had charge of them.

Owing to the low state of the funds, the income from which was inadequate to meet the expenses of the schools, on the footing they have been placed for the several years past, the Board, on the resignation of S. R. Mead, (the assistant in the boys' department) determined to reduce the number of boys from eighty to sixty, and for the present to dispense with an assistant in the boys' school; the teacher being authorized, when occasion might require it, to call in the aid of such of his pupils as were qualified to act as instructors under him.

In the boys school, taught by Z. D. Brashears, the pupils receive instruction in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, with the use of Maps and Globes, Book-keeping, Composition and English Grammar.

The girls, attached to the literary department of the female school in charge of Elizabeth S. Aldrich as principal, and Caroline L. Lane as assistant, are instructed in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, with use of Maps and Globes, Composition and Grammar.

In the Sewing department, Hannah Smith imparts instruction to the female pupils in the various branches of plain and ornamental needle work, such as cutting out, making and mending garments, making samplers, lamp stands, &c. All the work is required to be executed in the neatest and best manner. The girls spend about one third of their time in this school. While the instruction given in the literary department is essential to improve and strengthen the minds of the children, that afforded in this is equally important in qualifying them to be useful to their parents at home, as well as to become good housewives in future life.

The society now realizes from the Kensington property, the sum of eighty dollars per annum, and the Beck School House is rented at three hundred and sixty dollars.

Additions to the libraries of both departments are much needed, but owing to the low state of the funds, no books have been purchased during the past year.

For a statement of the receipts and expenditures during the past year, and of the financial concerns of the institution, we refer to the accompanying account of our treasurer.

To every reflecting and considerate mind, it must be obvious, that on the virtue and intelligence of its citizens, do the stability and perpetuity of a government like ours, in great measure, depend, and equally plain that ignorance and profligacy are among the most deadly enemies with which a self governing people have to contend. It is therefore essential that the rising generation should not only be well educated, in literary acquirements, but that great attention should be given to the preservation and improvement of their morals. Teachers may do much towards giving to the minds of the youth under their care a training to orderly and virtuous habits that will be enduring with them, particularly where they have the aid and countenance of parents and caretakers at home, in restraining them from associating with, or being subject to the contaminating influence of idle or vicious company; and that this is the imperative duty of every parent who has a proper regard for the real welfare of his tender but inexperienced offspring is undeniable. So obvious is the risk that the morals of youth who are permitted to run at large, have to encounter, that none can shut their eyes to it who are in the practice of passing through our streets and witnessing the disorderly conduct, and hearing the profane language often used where large collections of young men and boys are in the constant habit of assembling and associating together. Such associations have a strong tendency to blunt, if not entirely destroy that sense of moral feeling and self re-



spect, without which there is but little prospect of their becoming respectable, useful and happy men.

In the decease of our respected fellow citizen, Hartt Grandom, which took place on the 22nd ult., the society has lost one of its founders, and the Board of Managers one of its most attentive members. He was one of that little company of right minded young men, who, in days long since gone by, (more than forty years) feeling for the lamentable state of ignorance of many of the lads in our city, determined to devote their evenings to the instruction of them, and accordingly rented a room for that purpose, in which they collected a number of boys whom they instructed in the ordinary branches of our English education; and from this small beginning our society gradually rose to the important position which it subsequently attained. Our deceased friend continued until the close of his life, to feel a deep interest in the prosperity and usefulness of the schools, and one of his last public acts was a visit to them on his routine of duty as a visiting manager.

He has further evinced his regard for the objects of the society, by the very liberal bequest of three thousand dollars in aid of its funds.

Signed by order of a meeting of the Board, held 12th mo. (December,) 24th, 1840.

Attest,

RICHARD OAKFORD,

*Chairman.*

HENRY CRAMOND,

*Secretary.*

# TEACHERS' REPORTS.

## BOYS' SCHOOL.

*Board of Managers, Walnut Street School.*

GENTLEMEN:

IN making our yearly report for the Male Department of Walnut Street School, it affords us pleasure to state that we find an increasing attachment to the school among parents and children. The disposition to change appears to have diminished considerably the past year. Forty-two boys have left school; and thirty-three have been received into it within the last twelve months—several of the latter were with us before, and of the former some have left us, wishing to obtain admission into the Central High School.

Among the books &c. used by the scholars are, The Holy Bible, Scholar's Companion, Murray's English Reader, Murray's Sequel, Marshall's Life of Washington, Hale's United States, Pinnock's Goldsmith's England, Cowper, Irving's Columbus, Parker's English Grammar, Emerson's Arithmetic, second and third parts, Olney's Geography with Maps and Globes.

This has been a year of more than usual anxiety and labour to promote the interest of our pupils; and, although we have not beheld as much success to attend our efforts as we wished, yet most of our classes exhibit a good degree of improvement in their studies in the past year. We are endeavouring to bring our scholars to think—to reason upon their studies.—We wish them to form habits of close examination and reflection; and we use such means as appear to us likely to secure this desideratum.

Among our boys are some of excellent minds, who, with proper training, may, when they grow up, make their way into places of importance and honor among their fellow citi-



zens—we often try to encourage them to efforts, with the hopes that such may be their individual success; and we feel no doubt but that some of the youths under our care will realize it. In conclusion, believing there is little happiness in a mind unsubdued by the principles of the Gospel of our Blessed Redeemer, we daily read a portion of the Scriptures to the school, indulging the hope that the good seed may fall into good ground and produce its fruits of love to God and all mankind.

Respectfully,

Z. D. BRASHEARS,

*Principal.*

Walnut Street School, December 22nd, 1840.

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## GIRLS' SCHOOL.

### LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

#### GENTLEMEN:

IN presenting our annual report to the Board, we are happy to state that our school continues in a flourishing condition. Fifty four pupils have been admitted this year, and fifty-six have left school. There are at present in attendance one hundred and twenty-four, about forty of whom devote a small portion of their time to writing composition, in which they manifest considerable interest, and much improvement is evident.

Our class books are, The Holy Bible, Cowper's Task, Conversations on Common Things, Angel's Series, No. 6, Irving's Columbus, Pinnock's Goldsmith's England, Hale's United States History, Scholar's Companion, Parker's English Grammar for the first class, and Smith's for the other classes, Emerson's Arithmetic, second and third parts, Keith on the Globes, Olney's Geography for the higher classes, and Mitchell's Primary Geography for the younger scholars.—



The Board have granted permission to have the larger work introduced into the school, which will be done as soon as practicable.

Within the last year, two of our scholars have obtained situations as teachers in Public Schools.

An increased interest is perceptible in the attention shown by many of the children to their studies, particularly those of the higher classes; yet the teachers have to regret the inattention of some, but not without hope that they too will be led to see and feel the importance of the privilege they enjoy, and devote themselves to the proper improvement of it.

Respectfully,

E. S. ALDRICH,

*Principal.*

December, 1840.

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### SEWING DEPARTMENT.

It is with renewed pleasure that the teacher of the Sewing Department presents her annual report, and would state to the Board, that the attention of the children has been very good—they have evinced much interest in the various branches of needle work, and between seven and eight hundred articles, both fancy and useful, have been completed during the past year, among which is an Album Bed Quilt.

Very Respectfully,

H. SMITH,

December 23d, 1840.

*To the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support  
of Charity Schools.*

THE Treasurer herewith hands you his annual statement of the receipts and expenditures for the present year, by which it appears, two thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty-three cents, have been received, and two thousand two hundred dollars and forty-one cents paid, leaving in the Treasurer's hands two hundred and forty-four dollars and twelve cents; of this amount eighty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents have been received from the Beck Property, over and above the payment on the same.

No change has taken place in the Society's securities since last report.

There remain uncollected the following amounts:

6 months' interest on \$1000,	\$ 30 00
12 months' interest on 1650,	99 00
1 qr. cellar rent Beck Property,	15 00
6 months' interest on \$1500,	45 00
	————— \$ 189

Having removed to reside in the country, I find I cannot render the society any further services without inconvenience to myself, I therefore tender this my resignation of right of membership, which please accept, with desires for your continued usefulness.

I am very respectfully your friend,

GEORGE PETERSON.

Philadelphia, 1 Mo. 2nd, 1841.



*Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of  
Charity Schools.*

**DR. TO THE BECK PROPERTY.**

1840.

1 Mo.	4th,	To balance due said estate as per account rendered society,	\$ 699 45
	9,	1 quarters' cellar rent, less com. on 2 qr.	12 75
2	29,	1 quarters' rent of Shaw to 1 mo. 1, per James J. Barclay,	75 00
4	8,	1 quarters' cellar rent less com.,	14 25
7	13,	1 quarters' " " " " to 29 ult.	14 25
10	5,	1 quarters' " " " " to 9 mo. 29.	14 25
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			\$829 95

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5 Mo.	30	Cash paid James Myers, Painting,	\$ 49 62
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			\$780 33

Balance in favour of the Beck Property say seven hundred and eighty dollars thirty three cents.

**GEORGE PETERSON.**  
*Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 12 Mo. 23, 1840.

*The Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of*  
DR.

1840.

2 Mo.	3,	Cash paid order, No. 234, to J. Gleason,	\$ 24 88
	28,	" " " No. 236, to John Colton,	16 56
3 Mo.	4,	" " " No. 235, to T. Abbott, for expences,	20 69
	27,	" Z. D. Brashears, 1 qr. salary due 4 mo. 1, \$175,00	
		" S. R. Meade, 1 " " " " 75,00	
		" E. S. Aldrich, 1 " " " " 75,00	
		" Hannah Smith, 1 " " " " 75,00	
		" C. L. Lane, 1 " " " " 50,00	
			<hr/> 450 00
4 Mo.	25,	" John Claxton, Committee of Supplies,	23 26
		" Tax on Library share for 1840,	4 00
		" Water rent on house 176 North 5th Street,	5 00
5 Mo.	2	" R. Griffith, order 242,	22 90
	30	" H. Keller for Blinds,	67 00
		" James Myers for painting, (Beck property,)	49 62
6 Mo.	6,	" Timothy Abbott, paid order 244, expences,	3 75
	27,	" John Claxton, Committee of Supplies,	5 79
	30,	" Z. D. Brashears 1 qr. salary due 7 mo. 1. \$175,00	
		" S. R. Meade, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" E. S. Aldrich, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" Hannah Smith, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" C. L. Lane, 1 qr. " " " 50,00	
			<hr/> 450 00
		" Henry Perkins, for books, paper, &c.	69 46
8 Mo.	29,	" John Claxton, paid Committee of Supplies,	18 50
		" S. Weaver to T. Abbott,	11 74
9 Mo.	29,	" Z. D. Brashears, 1 qr. salary due 10 mo. 1, \$175,00	
		" S. R. Meade, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" Hannah Smith, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" E. S. Aldrich, 1 qr. " " " 75,00	
		" C. L. Lane, 1 qr. " " " 50,00	
			<hr/> 450 00
		" John Claxton, Committee of Supplies,	9 50
12 Mo.	18,	" Timothy Abbott paid " "	23 63
	31,	" Z. D. Brashears, 1 qr. salary, \$175,00	
		" E. S. Aldrich, 1 qr. " 75,00	
		" Hannah Smith, 1 qr. " 75,00	
		" C. L. Lane, 1 qr. " 50,00	
			<hr/> 375 00
		" H. Cramond for roofing office,	57 40
		" Timothy Abbott, for expences,	7 67
		" John Claxton Committe of Supplies,	34 06
		Balance in favour of the Society.	244 12
			<hr/> \$2,444 53



*Charity Schools, in account with George Peterson, Treasurer.*

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1840			
1 Mo.	4,	By balance from 1839,	\$ 309 23
	7,	Rent of Library share for last year,	5 00
		Isaac Norris one qr. office rent, due 15th ult.	25 00
	8,	6 month's interest on bond of \$1,500 due 8th ult.	45 00
	9,	Beck Property, 3 mo. cellar rent due 12 mo. 29,	
		\$15, deducting 5 per cent. com. on this and	
		last quarter, \$2,25,	12 75
	13,	Annual contributions.	\$169,00
		Less 10 per cent. coms. on \$162	16,20
			152 80
	26,	Jos. A. Clay, 1 quarter rent due 12 mo. 15,	25 00
	29,	Beck Property 1 qr. rent of Shaw, due 1 mo. 1	75 00
3	16,	12 months' interest on bond \$1,100	66 00
		12 months' rent of 5th Street House,	200 00
	27,	3 months' Office rent due 15 inst.	100 00
4	8,	Cellar rent of Beck Pro. to 3 mo. 29, \$15,00	
		Less Commission,	75
			14 25
	25,	Interest on bond of \$1500 due 10 mo. 24,	90 00
5	2,	Interest on bond of \$1000 due 3 mo. 31,	30 00
	20,	12 months' interest on bond \$2500 to 11 mo. 19,	150 00
	22,	12 months' interest on bond \$1600 to 11 mo. 16,	90 00
	28,	12 months' interest on bond \$7000 to 11 mo. 19,	420 00
6	24,	Office rent of 3 tenants to 15 inst.	75 00
	27,	6 months' interest on bond \$1500, due 8th inst,	45 00
7	13,	Kensington Property rent per Timothy Abbott,	40 00
		Beck Property 1 qr. rent due 29 ult. \$15,00	
		Less Commission,	75
			14 25
9	23,	Office rent due 15th inst,	100 00
10	5,	Beck Pro. rent due 9 mo. 29, \$15,00	
		Less Commission,	75
			14 25
	12,	John Evans' Legacy 1 years' ground rent,	36 00
	31,	12 months' interest on bond \$3000 due 9 mo. 30,	180 00
12	15,	Rent of library share for 1840,	5 00
	23,	Isaac Norris 1 quarter office rent to 9 mo. 15,	25 00
		3 months' rent of offices to 15th inst.	100 00
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			\$2,444 53
1840			
12 Mo.	31,	By balance in favour of the Society,	\$244 12
		Errors excepted.	

GEORGE PETERSON,  
*Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, 12 Mo. 31, 1840.

Philadelphia, January 26th, 1841.

Examined the foregoing account of George Peterson, Treasurer, and having compared the vouchers, found them to be correct.

GEORGE W. HUFTY, }  
JOHN HORTON. } *Committee.*

At a stated meeting of the Philadelphia Society for the Establishment and Support of Charity Schools, held on Tuesday the fifth day of January, 1841, the following named gentlemen were duly elected officers and managers for the ensuing year, viz :

*President*—PHILIP GARRETT,  
*Vice-President*—PAUL BECK, JR.  
*Treasurer*—JOHN B. ELLISON,  
*Secretary*—JAMES J. BARCLAY.

#### MANAGERS.

Philip Garrett,	Joseph H. Dulles,
John Claxton,	Edwin Walter,
William Abbott,	James J. Barclay,
Richard Oakford,	Samuel Hufty,
Pearson Serrill,	Henry Perkins,
Timothy Abbott,	Henry Cramond,
John B. Ellison,	William Wayne,
Thomas Graham,	John U. Fraley,
Robert Earp,	John Horton.
	JAMES J. BARCLAY,
	<i>Secretary.</i>



The Board of Managers organised on the 8th of January, 1841, and elected RICHARD OAKFORD, Chairman, and HENRY CRAMOND, Secretary.

# VISITING COMMITTEES.

## *January.*

T. Graham,	J. Claxton,	J. B. Ellison.
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## *February.*

J. Claxton,	J. B. Ellison,	E. Walter.
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## *March.*

E. Walter,	T. Abbott,	W. Wayne.
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## *April.*

T. Abbott,	W. Wayne,	W. Abbott.
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## *May.*

W. Abbot,	J. H. Dulles,	J. J. Barclay.
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## *June.*

J. H. Dulles,	J. J. Barclay,	R. Oakford
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## *July.*

R. Oakford,	P. Garrett,	P. Serrill.
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## *August.*

P. Garrett,	P. Serrill,	R. Earp.
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## *September.*

R. Earp,	J. U Fraley,	H. Perkins.
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## *October.*

J. U. Fraley,	H. Perkins,	H. Cramond.
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## *November.*

H. Cramond,	J. Horton,	S. Hufty.
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## *December.*

J. Horton,	S. Hufty,	T. Graham.
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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*On Supplies.*

J. Claxton,                      W. Abbott.

*On Property.*

T. Abbott,                      T. Graham,                      W. Wayne,  
J. U. Fraley,                      P. Garrett.

*Library.*

R. Oakford,                      R. Earp,                      J. Horton.

*Admissions.*

J. H. Dulles,                      W. Abbott,                      J. Claxton,  
T. Abbott,                      J. U. Fraley.

*Instruction.*

J. J. Barclay,                      H. Perkins,                      J. H. Dulles.